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## WHAT SHOULD BE KNOWN.

When Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department was before the sub-committee on food investigation the other day, he said that his department did not know why the people of the District of Columbia should pay 42 per cent. profit to the man who cuts and distributes a carcass of meat. He said his department knew that two-year-old cattle on the hoof were selling for the same price that they were sold 12 years ago, and that while the buyers were paying the farmers less for veal this year than last, the price to the consumer had been increased from 25 to 30 per cent. He said the figures showed that New York dealers were satisfied with a profit of 20 per cent. and that in 50 cities the profits of the retailers averaged 17 per cent.

He intimated to this committee that the local trade combinations in the city of Washington (and that meant all American cities) were guilty of the extortion which the buyers suffered, and that these combinations prevented the consumers from forming guilds, buying goods at wholesale and distributing the savings themselves at a lower than the retail price. That the guilds were formed, but that the wholesalers declined to sell them the goods because the retailers threatened a boycott if they did, so the consumers were prevented by association from getting goods at more reasonable prices.

He said the committee had the power to call the heads of these combinations together and to compel them to reveal their methods of conducting their business, and he hoped that they would do it.

The whole country does not suffer excessive charges. Washington is the dearest city in the country to live in, and the profits in other cities depended upon the combination and the greed of those who have the matter in charge.

From this presentation of the case it does not look as if the American citizen had any freedom in purchase of goods excepting what trade combinations feel disposed to give him.

## THE BUNCO MEN.

It has been discovered at Boston that the bunco men of New York have operated there with bankers and really been benefited by the thefts which have been unearthed. The swindler who plots to lead citizens into traps for the express purpose of robbing them and who succeeds are just now being regarded as in the class with pirates.

The Boston Post, commenting upon recent exposures, says:

"But how about the future treatment of the swindlers? Can it be possible, as the police official is said to have stated, that there is no way to reach these men criminally? Is there no such crime as obtaining money under false pretences, and here in Boston, where the agreements were usually made—even if the actual trick was performed in New York and was involved in a gambling scheme?"

"It is a pretty poor condition of law we are living under if a band of financial pirates can range around the town tempting sometimes decent men into their clutches and robbing all, good, bad and indifferent."

"The Post has patience with that theory of offering immunity to crime. It believes that the rascals can be reached somehow; that the district attorney's office should indict them and hunt them down. We may fear at the silly dupes they fleece, but if we permit the gang to jeer at the law and the people of the commonwealth, it will be a sorry exhibition of weakness or worse."

This is a sentiment which should have the support of every honest man in any community. It is necessary for the law to protect those who cannot protect themselves whether they are invalids or dishonest bank clerks. Any gang of men who live by swindling their fellows ought to find life hard—not easy.

## THE POSTAL BANK BILL.

The Chicago News has devoted itself to a canvass of the members of congress and is satisfied that a properly drawn bill for the establishment of postal savings banks could be passed if presented to congress at once.

The poll of members of the senate and house of representatives taken shows that of the 351 members of the house of representatives, 133 republicans and 54 democrats were willing to go on record as favoring postal bank legislation. This is only four votes short of a majority of the total house membership.

Two republican and 31 democratic representatives declared themselves opposed to postal savings banks, while 44 republicans and 44 democrats were non-committal. Seventy-five members were absent and therefore were not polled.

The senate poll showed 43 republicans and six democrats in favor of postal banks, or more than a majority of the entire membership of the senate. No republican senator announced himself as opposed to the proposition and only seven were non-committal. Ten democratic senators, however, declared their hostility to postal bank legislation while seven were non-committal. Nineteen senators were absent and consequently were not polled.

It is expected that the measure will pass the senate before the close of the present week.

It is rather surprising that a greater per cent. of the democrats than republicans are opposed to the bill, although the sections of country most to be benefited by these banks are democratic.

The National Liquor Dealers' association claims to have kicked out of public life seventeen eminent political prohibitionists, and furnishes their addresses.

The professional gentlemen who predicted that Roosevelt was going to his death must now confess that they were not acquainted with his itinerary.

If Commander Peary is wholly satisfied with himself, he must realize that the whole American people are not wholly delighted with him.

## A CREDIT TO BALLINGER.

What Secretary Ballinger has done to his credit should certainly be exploited when evil things are being said about him. It is pointed out that he has removed the Hocky-Hocky rule out of the claws of San Francisco after Secretary Garfield had weakly committed the administration to its passage into private hands.

This Yosemite valley is one of the wonders of the world. A remarkable deep gulch in the park, with strangely marked sides and fantastic scenery, and lofty waterfalls, it was desired as a source of water supply by San Francisco. Its use would have irretrievably ruined its beauty. Nevertheless, Secretary Garfield, Ballinger's predecessor, granted it, on the claim that it was imperatively needed.

Ballinger, after more extended investigation, denies that San Francisco cannot be as well supplied from another source, and has taken steps to cancel the grant.

It has become recognized in this country at last that scenery is a national asset. Mr. Ballinger has done one true work of conservation. He has conserved one gem of national beauty.

Whatever happens to Ballinger, the American people are not likely to forget that he held for the people's use this beautiful natural resort.

## THE GREATEST BACTERIOLOGIST.

When the question of cold storage and its regulation came up before the sub-committee on food investigation at Washington the other day, it was revealed that a great deal of knowledge was necessary before such a law could be intelligently framed, and also that the condition of products entered for refrigeration has much to do with their keeping qualities, which carried a hint that goods for icing should be inspected at the door of the cold storage establishment to determine whether or not bacteria were at work upon them. During this inquiry, Secretary Wilson said:

"Now, then, we borrowed that idea from the fruit investigation and are now applying it to the poultry investigation. The most effective scientist working for us along that line is a lady, an educated woman, a Doctor Penington. She not only inquires with regard to the condition of the poultry in the refrigerator, but she goes out west, where poultry is produced. Poultry is the product of cheap grain. You will find the most of it produced where grain is the cheapest. She goes there, where you will find a poultry dealer with several acres of fowls, chickens and ducks; several acres with geese. They have regular slaughterhouses. She inquires as to the methods of slaughter. She inquires as to every feature—the feeding, the cleaning, and all that—so as to get the thing started right, so as to get the poultry packed properly, so as to get the bodily heat out of it, and then follows it along to the east, to the great refrigerating establishments, and then watching it there. That is what we are doing."

"Just how long a chicken or any other of the fowl family should be kept in cold storage we do not know, and nobody else knows; that is, without injury. We cannot tell. We will have it for you by and by, because we can give you the result of our research along those lines. That can be done. Whether the poultry can be kept safely four months or six months or more, we are not prepared yet to state."

"With regard to vegetables and fruit we are also inquiring. We have a general inquiry on foot along those lines."

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Pinchot and Ballinger need not call each other bad names, for that doesn't prove anything.

The Fairbanks do not get lost in London. The king and others know they are there.

Boston has decided not to wipe out Court street; it means so much for justice or for love.

Theodore Roosevelt is not ashamed to voice the sentiment: "There's no place like home!"

When a man wins he fans himself with his ability, but when he fails he curses his luck.

Colonel Bryan, it is noted, does not tarry anywhere but just goes from one thing to another.

February was short, but it did a good deal of business in northern New England and other high latitudes.

It looks as if hog and hominy would soon have to part company. They are no longer in the same class.

Happy thought for today: When it comes to singing a lullaby, the average husband and father is a failure.

If Elbert Hubbard doesn't write anything for two years he is apt to say more in that time than most men can write.

The fashion books say that hips are coming back again, although there is no evidence that they have been visiting.

Anywhere where there is no anti-poker sentiment the poker joints run on fleecing men and boys from year to year.

The man who cannot discuss religion without getting mad over it is not in possession of enough of it to talk about.

If New Jersey just shows that she can punish trust magnates as easy as she can create trusts, the country will forgive her.

The fact a mastodon steak 250,000 years old has been pronounced good can be made no defense of cold storage antiquities.

Two Jersey men who sold their votes have gone to prison for a year. The men who bought them think that is severe enough.

The Italian nation is Catholic, but it sees nothing dangerous in the freedom that lets Methodism say its prayers and sing its songs.

The farmer who is determined to have the earliest peas is figuring to get them into the ground if possible before March closes.

We Americans are expected to spend over a million a day for automobiles this year, regardless of the talk of economy at Washington.

In Germany 37 cubic feet of timber per capita is taken annually from her forests; France is able to get along with but 25 cubic feet, while in this country the consumption is 350 cubic feet per capita.

## Woman in Life and in the Kitchen

### HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Never sleep so that on first awakening the eyes shall open on the light of a window.

If the wind has reddened the eyelids, wash them in slightly salted warm water (using common salt).

To reduce the temperature of a feverish cold, moisten a sponge with ether or cold cologne or vinegar and water and hold it in the hand for a time. This reduces fever due to a cold in a marvelous way.

To remove headache, wash the face in tepid water, dip finger tips into green soap, sold at all druggists, and massage the face. Rinse the skin and apply toilet water to kill the alkali and prevent burning.

Rough elbows, a condition by no means uncommon, usually soften and become smooth and white after a few applications of almond oil. To apply it, it must be gently warmed by setting a cup containing it into a basin of hot water. The grease then is placed in a receptacle sufficiently large to permit of putting in the elbow and the joint is kept in the bath for five minutes at least. Afterward a bandage of cheesecloth is wet with oil and bound on for the night.

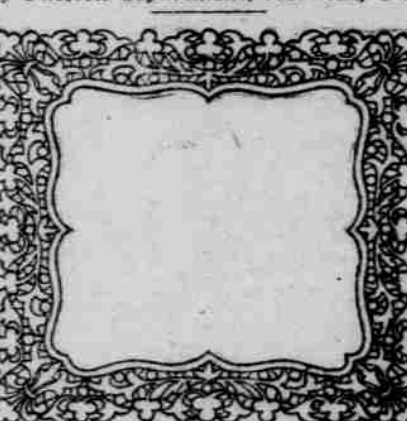
### NEEDLEWORK SUGGESTIONS.



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### Narrow Skirts.

In Paris a few of the ultra-fashionable women and many actresses are wearing gowns with skirts so narrow that they sadly lack even a suggestion of grace.

One gown is described as being of Corinthian red plaid velvet, trimmed with wide bands of skunk, the skirt measuring less than a yard and a half around the bottom. When the wearer walked it pulled in at the foot in a most ungainly manner.

Many designers built these narrow skirts is a mystery, for they are certainly not pretty, and prove a positive hindrance to walking.

### Valance Modish.

The valance has come into style again and is encountered in many forms. It is narrow, severe and unadorned or is gathered, ornate and French.

A narrow silk curtain without fullness stretched on a brass rod is the first requirement for the fashionably dressed window.

Across this is put a valance and under this are placed two straight strips of the same material with a bordered edge.

The fashion for narrow sill curtains is so general that it is difficult to find a chance to use odd wide curtains.

It is now presented as a decorative action that the sill curtains must match the wall paper.

### NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

Band portieres are now being made of cretonne for bedrooms, and are dainty. Plain material, in a plain color, is in better taste for curtains used downstairs.

Time and patience may be saved when putting quilts by quilting the cotton is first rolled about an ordinary yardstick. Spread the cotton out on a large table on the floor, roll on the stick, then transfer to the quilt foundation and unroll.

A certain working girl, instead of throwing away her old clothes, kept them, tore them apart and had a pretty rug woven of them. When one considers how many bright colors are used in the average girl's clothing it can be at once seen that something handsome could be made of the various worn-out garments.

The simple white linen Russian blouse for the small boy may be made wonderfully attractive by braiding a simple design about the neck and a few inches down the front of the blouse at on side.

A new yet simple lingerie blouse is made of eyelet embroidery, with scallops turned upward toward the yoke and overlapping it. In the sleeve the edge of the embroidery is reversed, and the scallops turn down over a tucked cuff.

### Orange Compote.

Boil half a pound of granulated sugar with just a little water for five minutes. Cool the syrup and add the juice of a quarter of a lemon, and the meaty part of four or five oranges.

carefully separated from all skin and segment and broken into small pieces.

Crustless Pumpkin Pie. Make the filling of the pie as usual, adding a little cornstarch so that it will be firm when baked. Cover the inside of a rather deep pie-plate with a rather thick coating of butter; then sprinkle with flour, either white or entire wheat, until the butter is entirely covered. Pour in the filling and bake as usual.

Molasses Cookies. Warm a cupful of molasses lightly and beat to a cream with half a cupful of softened butter. Add the juice of half a lemon, one tablespoon of ginger and a half teaspoon of cinnamon. Now stir in two cupfuls of flour and three cupfuls of sugar. Beat the mixture of baking soda until you have a soft dough; roll out and cut into shapes. Bake in a good oven.

Corn Meal Fritters. One cup of sour milk, one or two eggs, one cup of Indian meal, one-half cup of graham flour, one teaspoon of soda, dissolved in hot water, a little salt; fry in hot fat.

Baked Squash. Cut in pieces, peel and bake, sprinkle with a little sugar and bits of butter until soft and browned.

From Old Kid Gloves Make Many Trifles. Do not discard your long kid gloves when the fingers are past further mending, for they may be put to many uses.

Cut the armlets of your black suede ones into round pieces the size of a coffee cup at the top. About eight such pieces fastened together in the middle with a fancy button make a penwiper. One that never scratches, nor blunts the most delicate nibs.

Again, cut them in form little bags. All around the opening a little way from the edge, piece eyelet holes, through which you can run a pretty cord or ribbon, after which you will be provided with the handiest little copper bag ever yet invented.

Long kid ends of any color will make button covers of an absolute up-to-date kind; also bindings for hats, coat cuffs and collars. Nothing is so fashionable as kid for these purposes.

Bells, purses and trinkets made by clever girls from gloves that, as such, can see no further service.

SARTORIAL HINTS OF INTEREST. Skirts are to be a bit wider about the feet.

Instead of a single fancy button as a finish to the front of a coat, a tassel more or less elaborate is often used.

The killed plaid skirt with the plain cloth bodice, with tight sleeves, is among the fashionable delights of the season.

Cashmere cloth is one of the most popular of the season's fabrics, and nothing is better for practical hard wear. It is to be had in nearly any design and color. Black and blue are very popular.

Some of the girls are following a present English style and are wearing patent leather boots with white or pale tan tops.

Blouse effects in bodices are with us again.

Cooked Fowls. A trussing needle can be purchased at any upholstering house. It is about 15 inches long, has three sides on the point and carries a stout thread for sewing the fowl together. A darning needle is too short for the purpose, though a curved upholstering needle of the same length is often used.

It can be inserted from the inside, without placing the hand inside the fowl. The loose skin can be drawn over the neck and held in place with toothpicks. It is a good idea to cross the tips of the fowl's wings right over the back, then pass the long needle through the fowl, using a long thread to hold the wings in place.

When carving a turkey, first remove the wing and leg from one side and carve the breast in thin slices. If all of the bird is not eaten at one meal, the other side is more presentable when again served. Save all turkey tidbits, mix with mashed potatoes and one egg. Fry like croquettes and serve on a platter with parsley.

To Look Taller. Here are hints for a woman who would be a little taller:

Avoid girlish. Never under any circumstances wear a belt of contrasting color. You can think it gives a smart color note, but you are wrong.

Let all your lines run up and down. Do not wear a yoke at the square variety; it shortens you.

Have your gown all of one material, preferably a light tone.

Wear long gloves and carry a tall umbrella.

Hold your chin up to lengthen your throat line.

Carry your head straight, never tilted to one side. The tilted head is for the tall woman, who wants to look short.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used, except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you may possibly derive from them.

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